[Mr. K Varughese Ithac]

(*b*) whether they are aware that this is a very important road connecting Athirampuzha market with Kuruppamthara market and in view of its importance this should be taken up by the Government?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Alatharai river.

546. ✻**MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have examined and investigated the possibilities of making use of the Alatharai river running through the Thovala taluk for irrigation purposes; and

(*b*) if so what they are?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) i. The investigations were in respect of deepening and improving the existing kal.

ii. Extending the channel so as to feed additional tanks at its tail end.

MR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action to extend the channel?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: Action has been taken for extending the channel.

Mandacaud Amman Temple in Kalkulam taluk.

547. ✻**MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that many people from all over India are coming to Mandacaud Ammancoil for worship;

(*b*) whether there is any satram or rest house; and

(*c*) if not, whether any schemes were introduced to build satrams and rest houses?

MR K. K. KARTHA: (*a*) Many people come to Mandacaud for worship.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) A satram is proposed to be constructed.

MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN: (Part (C) ஒரு சத்திரம் கட்டப் போவதாக மறுபடி கிடைத்திருக்கிறது. அந்த சத்திரம் எப்போது கட்டப்படும் என்று தயவுசெய்து சொல்லலாமா?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: Am I to answer in English or Tamil?

PRESIDENT: Generally when questions are put in Malayalam and if the honourable member on the Treasury Bench knows Malayalam he might answer in Malayalam. If he prefers some other language, there is no objection for doing so.

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